

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 6 (currently amended) The method of preventing the opening of a locked guard closure of a rotating component of a machine prior to the rotating component of the machine reaching zero speed consisting of the steps of providing a zero speed indicator that controls the unlocking of the guard closure and testing for zero speed indicating accuracy of the zero speed indicator by temporarily uncoupling or isolating the zero speed indicator from the machine and testing same to see if it the zero speed indicator is operating properly and if the zero speed indicator fails the test the guard closure will remain locked until the zero speed indicator is repaired or replaced.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 6 in which the closure remains locked in response to a zero speed indicator failing the zero speed indicating accuracy test permits the machine to be restarted in spite of the presence of a known faulty zero speed indicator.

Claim 8 (previously presented) The method as set forth in claim 6 in which the guard closure remains locked due to a zero speed indicating accuracy test failure of the zero speed indicator while the machine continues to operate.